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YELLOW PERIL AT B.C.

CHINESE EVADING HEAD TAX AND
FLOODING SCHOOLS—STRONG
PROTEST.

Victoria.—The provincial government will immediately draw the attention of the Dominion authorities to the manner in which Chinese are evading the head tax and flooding the schools in Victoria and other portions of British Columbia. Such was the resolution taken recently when the government had heard George Jay, the chairman of the Victoria school board, upon the grave situation which has been presented by the influx of alleged Chinese students.

Mr. Jay pointed out to the government the situation in which the school authorities are placed by the influx of these Chinese. Already twenty-six have applied for permits to attend school and it has been learned that almost as many more are expected. If they are permitted to attend school, it will necessitate the employment of one additional school teacher at least and the board will have to engage additional quarters.

The expense of the teacher's salary will have to be borne by the municipality and the provincial authorities jointly and upon the completion of twelve months' attendance at the schools the Chinese boys receive back their \$600 apiece and enter the labor market of the province. The province obtains no revenue from them nor does the city.

Pending the receipt of an answer from the Dominion authorities, no permits to attend school will be issued to Chinese.

Huge Mining Merger

EASTERN CAPITAL COMBINING ON
BIG DEAL

Danville, Ill., Sept. 9.—The announcement has been made here today that there is in progress of formation a merger of coal properties that represent an investment of \$12,000,000. W. S. Bogle, of Chicago, is in New York engineering the financial end of the deal, which as proposed is to include 25 mines in the Danville and Kallit districts in Illinois and the Kelly, Oakhill and Deering mines in Indiana.



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COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met Monday evening in the Masonic Hall, the Mayor and all the Councillors present. R. P. Wallace was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and upon the motion of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Campbell, were adopted.

The Secretary read over a copy of the License By-law for the City of Lethbridge and after discussion it was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Beck, that the framing of the License By-laws for the town be remitted back to the License Committee and reported on next meeting.

The P. N. B. by-laws for the City of Lethbridge were read by the Secretary and after discussion it was moved by Councillor Hammer, seconded by Councillor Beck, that it be remitted to the Police and License Committee to report.

Permission was then asked by Councillor Beck to introduce By-law No. 2 (Pounds) and that it be held as having been read the first time, seconded by Councillor Davis.

Permission was asked by Messrs. Russell and Warren of Minot, N.D., that the town grant them a franchise to operate a telephone line, and after discussion it was moved by Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Beck, that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Warren and find out fuller particulars and report.

Motion was made by Councillor Barton, seconded by Councillor Douglas, that R. P. Wallace be appointed town solicitor and that the Secretary find out what salaries are paid in towns of similar size.

The question of electing outside town wells was discussed and on motion of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Hammer, it was remitted to the Works Committee with power to take action.

A further communication from Mr. Jenkins re weigh scale was read and Councillor Campbell reported that the Works and Property Committee were not yet in a position to report their decision.

A report was made by Councillor Beck on the grading of crossing over C. P. R. pipe line, and after discussion it was moved by Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Hammer, that the Works and Property Committee be given power to go ahead making the necessary grading.

A letter was read from the Department of Public Works re laying out of town sites, and upon motion of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Barton, it was referred to the Works and Property Committee with power to act.

A letter was read from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union of Alberta Municipalities re the convention to be held at Medicine Hat on the 17th and 18th of September, and after discussion it was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Douglas, that the Mayor and three Councillors attend and get what information they can.

A letter from Duggan, Huntrods & Co. asking that the Council grant them a right of way through the town for the construction of a single track spur to the Consolidated Coal Co.'s mine was read. A motion was made by Councillor Hammer, seconded by Councillor Douglas, that the letter be held over till next meeting.

The following resolution of condolence was passed and the Secretary was instructed to communicate the same to Councillor Hammer. "Resolved that the Council place on record its sincere sympathy to Councillor and Mrs. Hammer in the loss they recently sustained in the death of their two children." The Council adjourned to meet Monday next at 8 o'clock.

21 Years Ago

AN INTERESTING LETTER WRITTEN
BY MR. W. B. GRUBB.

We have just been handed a letter written twenty-one years ago by Mr. W. B. Grubb to a friend of his giving his impressions of the West at that time. The statements then made have been carried out and far greater progress has taken place than the most sanguine ever anticipated. The following is Mr. Grubb's letter:

MAPLE CREEK, N.W.T.,
March 21st, 1886.

A. Hackett, Esq., Colchester—
DEAR SIR:—I do not know whether I ever promised to write and let you know what I thought of my new home in the far Northwest or not, but as I remember you, as an old friend, in whose house I have spent many a pleasant evening, I now take the liberty of writing you a few lines.

In the first place, I will locate myself. Maple Creek is a station on the line of the C.P.R., 600 miles west from Winnipeg, and a little over 60 miles north of the International boundary line, and is of considerable importance—that is in the opinion of those who have any interest in the place. It is one of the driving stations of the C.P.R., the headquarters for the Mounted Police for this district and the great shipping point for Montana cattle going to Chicago. It is also the only commercial center within 60 miles. You may be aware that this portion of the country, a few years ago, was considered to be an extension of the Great American desert. Settlement has shown this idea to be wrong to a certain extent, for excellent crops have been raised here to my knowledge, I myself having had as high as 40 bushels of barley to the acre, and 50 of oats. Vegetables are exceptionally fine, but these of course are not regular occurrences. There is no doubt whatever that this is not a farming country; that is a settler must not depend upon his farm entirely for subsistence. The country is adapted to stock raising purposes and into this business the settler must go, it costing no more to raise horses, cattle and sheep than the trouble of looking after them, consequently there is an enormous profit in the business. There is no question now that this country, in its climatic conditions, water supply, grasses &c., presents attractions to stock raisers unsurpassed and rarely equalled by any other part of the world. The temperature is much the same as in Ontario, the heat, if anything, more moderate and uniform the nights are cool and it is never sultry here. Frost comes in September and fall weather lasts generally to the end of December, with a few old days of cold, but being, on the whole, very much like Indian summer in Ontario. Winter lasts six weeks, seldom longer. During these six weeks, the mercury goes down sometimes as low as 45 below zero, but seldom stays there more than a day or two. When the temperature is as low as 30 or 40 we do not feel it here as much as you do 15 and 20 in Ontario, owing to our atmosphere being so much drier. Then, too, we have our famous Chinook winds, which may spring up any day, turning winter, and it is astonishing at the wonderful power they have. In 48 hours, they will sweep off a foot of snow and if you could step up here after one of these winds had been blowing you would think it was spring. It is supposed by some that these Chinook are air currents from the Gulf of California and Mexico, which are attracted by the heated atmosphere of the American desert and consequently swirl across this portion of Northwest Territories. Coal, as good as Nova Scotia, can be obtained here for six dollars and fifty cents per ton by the car-load; softer kind for four dollars. Wood can be had near here, but the quantity is limited. There is a lumber yard here and material can be got at a reasonable rate. Provisions, dry goods, hardware, &c., are thirty per cent higher than in Ontario.

Yours respectfully,
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1907

Can Grow Alfalfa

Farmers who aver that clover will
not thrive on Western Canadian soil
will now have to change their views.
So will those who say that prairie
soil requires inoculation by the
clover germ before it will grow alfalfa.

Mr. D. Munro of St. Charles, Man.,
has demonstrated clearly that prairie
soil will grow alfalfa. He sowed four
acres with alfalfa on July 24th. In
less than four weeks the ground was
completely covered with as fine a
spread of clover as ever grown. The
land was first broken last summer.
Sweet corn was planted in the spring
but it did not come on to suit Mr.
Munro. As a consequence the land
was again disced and alfalfa sown
with the above result.

The farmers in this section who
are anxious to grow alfalfa should
make a test as Mr. Munro did and
no doubt they will meet with like
success.

Notes and Comments

Surely we are getting the fog end
of a Manitoba or Saskatchewan blizzard.

Last year the assessment of the
Taber school district was a little under
\$220,000. This year, 1907, the
assessment is over \$500,000, more
than double. Owing to Reliance
forming a school district the Taber
district was reduced to a considerable
extent.

Two thousand five hundred of
Ontario's best farm help left
the Union station, Toronto, last Friday
for the west to gather the wheat of
this western country. It required
five special trains to carry them. It
is estimated by the officials that during
the past week at least 10,000 have
come into the grain growing districts
to work.

The weather for the wheat harvest
was ideal until Tuesday when it turned
cold. Wednesday it rained all
day and at night three inches of snow
fell. The crop is nearly all cut and
with a few warm days the grain will
be dry again. It is not thought that
much damage will result from the
unseasonable weather conditions.

It is claimed that the Canadian
banks have placed some \$30,000,000
on the New York market. Some of it
being Canadian savings bank deposits.
According to the Winnipeg Telegram
over \$5,000,000 was withdrawn from
circulation in Canada during August.
Many are urging for an investigation
to show why money is so "tight" in
Canada to the hampering of legitimate trade.

H. Verity, working for Thomas
Venables, south of Minto, Man., fell
backwards off a wagon and was killed.

One hundred and forty citizens of
Neepawa, Sask., have petitioned the
town council to submit a by-law,
to the electors to repeal the local option
by-law, which has been in force
there during the past twenty years.

Alberta Province

The province of Alberta is one of
the interesting places of the world,
and the eyes of all Canada are on this
lusty young child of the west. The
exhibit of the Alberta Government
in the Railway building at the Canadian
National Exhibition is a centre
of attraction to every visitor, and the
arrangement of the various grains,
grasses, coal and other products of
the "last west" has been made with
a view to satisfying the public that
Alberta is all she claims to be, a
great and progressive Province.
Among the exhibits are grains,
grasses, clovers, coal, brick, stone,
sugar, etc. The bulk of the grain
exhibit and all the grasses are this
year's growth. Samples of oats are
shown that have run as high as 110
bushels to the acre, and some wheat
60 bushels to the acre. The sheaves
of grain and imitation wheat flax
are specially pleasing to the farmers
who like to see the wheat and oats
in the sheaf, just as they appear on
their native soil. Flax is shown that
ran seventeen bushels to the acre
and some broom grass is six and one
half feet high. Fully forty varieties
of native and tame grasses are in the
exhibit. These and the splendid
alfalfa is proving of wonderful interest
to the visitors, and every interested
person is given a sample of Alberta
grain in an envelope, also a private
picture post card showing the
exhibits.

Alberta is great, not only in its
grain producing qualities, but in coal
oil, marl for cement, natural gas,
etc., and soft coal is so abundant
there that it practically lies under
every foot of land in the whole Province.
In many cases all that a
farmer who lives near a river has to
do when his coal supply runs short
is to step to the river bank and help
himself to coal from the surface.
This is one of the splendid features
of Alberta, and the immense coal
beds in this Province will be made
more and more productive as the
country continues to fill up. The
natural gas is another fine advertisement
for Alberta. This gas can be
used for heating, lighting and manufacturing
purposes, and at Medicine
Hat natural gas has been used for
several years. Calgary is now boring
for gas, and it has already been
found north of Edmonton. Coal oil
also has been discovered in Alberta,
and wells are now being operated in
Southern Alberta near Pincher Creek
as well as in the north of Edmonton.

Mr. E. L. Richardson is in charge
of the Government exhibit, and is
assisted by Mr. Frank Peterson. Any
Secretary of a Board of Trade in Alberta
as well as the Deputy Minister of
Agriculture will be pleased to send
literature relating to the Province on
application.

New Judiciary For The New Provinces

ORDER-IN-COUNCIL, ADOPTED FOR
THE PROCLAMATION BRINGING
THE ACT INTO FORCE

Ottawa, Sept. 6.—There was a
meeting of the cabinet this afternoon
when an order-in-council was passed
for the issue of a proclamation bringing
into force the acts regarding the
judiciary of the northwest territories
now the provinces of Alberta and
Saskatchewan. At present there is
the territorial supreme court, which
has jurisdiction over both provinces.
Under the new acts the court is
divided into two, making a supreme
court for Alberta and another for
Saskatchewan. The new law comes
into effect on Monday, September 16.
Four of the judges have been assigned
to the supreme court of Alberta, and
four to the supreme court of
Saskatchewan.

In Alberta the court will comprise
Chief Justice Sifton with Puisne
Judges Scott, Henry and Stuart, and
one not yet appointed.
The Saskatchewan Supreme court
will comprise Chief Justice Wetmore
with Puisne Judges Prendergast,
Newland and Johnson, and one not
yet appointed. The appointment of
County court judges for the new
provinces has not yet been considered.

BIRTHS
HAMILTON—At Taber on Monday,
Sept. 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. John
F. Hamilton, a daughter.
VANORMAN—At Taber on Sunday the
8th Sept. to Bishop and Mrs. Van-
Norman, a daughter.
WITTE—At Minto, on Thursday,
Sept. 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Witte, a daughter.

CHURCH NOTICES
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.
m., every Sunday. Sacrament meet-
ing at 2 p. m. Sunday evening
service at 8 p. m.
Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement
Association every Tuesday at 7.30 p.
m. Primary Association every Sat-
urday at 3 p. m.
Knox church—Sunday school and
Bible class 11 a. m. Evening ser-
vice 7.30. Wednesday Congrega-
tional Prayer Meeting, 8 p. m.
St. Theodore Church—The services
at the English Church until further
notice will be as follows:—Sunday
school at 3 p. m. every Sunday. Even-
ing service at 7.30.
Baptist Service—A Baptist ser-
vice will be held on Sunday afternoon
at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church
All welcome.

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Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory,
the Northwest Territories and British Columbia,
may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an
annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500
acres will be leased to one applicant.
Application for a lease must be made to the Agent
or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights ap-
plied for are situated.
In surveyed territory the land must be described
by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and
in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be
staked out.
Each application must be accompanied by a fee of
five dollars, which will be refunded if the rights ap-
plied for are not available, but not otherwise. A
royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of
the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.
Every lease of coal mining rights which are not
being operated shall furnish the district Agent of
Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that ef-
fect at least once in each year.
The lease will include the coal mining rights only,
but the lessee may be permitted to purchase what-
ever available surface rights may be considered
necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of
\$10 an acre.
For full information application should be made to
the Secretary of the Department of the Interior
at Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-agent of Dominion
Lands.

W. W. CORY
Deputy Minister of the Interior.
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertise-
ment will not be treated for.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned,
and endorsed "Tender for Squadron Armory
Works, Ottawa," will be received by the undersigned
until Thursday, September 19, 1907, inclusively, for
the construction and completion of the armory at
Minto, Ont. The tender should be in accordance with
the specifications and drawings to be sent on applica-
tion to the undersigned, and the tender should be
signed by the contractor, and accompanied by a cash
deposit of \$1,000, which will be returned in case of
non-acceptance of the tender.
The Department does not bind itself to accept the
lowest or any tender.
By order,
F. E. GELINAS,
Secretary,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, August 30, 1907.
Newspapers will not be held for this advertisement
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We deem it a favor for you to call and inspect our stock.

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JEWELLERS AND STATIONERS
TABER ALBERTA

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1907

Taber Breezes

P. Hammer left Tuesday morning for Claresholm on business.

F. R. Davis made a business trip to Medicine Hat on Tuesday.

W. A. Aubin returned Saturday from a business trip to Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Ferris is building a dwelling on Hough St. just north of Mr. Douglas's.

A party of surveyors from Medicine Hat are surveying the Cousins' addition south of the track into town lots.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butcher, who have been visiting Mrs. W. A. M. Bellwood, left for their home at Toronto, Tuesday morning.

FOR SALE—One acre lot in water belt with good soft water well. 1 block north from Dr. Langs. Apply at Free Press office.

Messrs. Jno. L. Gibbs, Orson A. Woolley, and Harriett Magrath were here Sunday in the interest of the High Priest quorum.

Ernest Myers received word this morning that his sister at Granville, N. D., is very ill and he leaves tonight for his home.

Mrs. Amelia Aldred of Raymond and Mrs. Jensen of Magrath were here Sunday in the interests of the primary association of the L.D.S. Church.

G. W. Hill returned Wednesday from a short visit to his old home at Clinton, Ont. His two youngest daughters, Melville and Howard, returned with him.

Mr. Chris Jensen of Magrath has thrusted part of his wheat and the yield is about 60 bushels to the acre for a section and half of land. Who says Alberta cannot grow wheat?

W. S. Liehty who has been spending a short time at his home at Lincoln, Neb., returned Sunday. He tells us the crops are really better in Southern Alberta than through the Western States.

J. N. Chadwick of Calgary was in town Friday looking over Taber real estate with a view to buying. He tells us that of all the places he has recently visited Taber is the busiest and most go-ahead in the building line, and the crops are the best he has seen.

Mr. G. W. Quibell, Sec. Treas. for this school district is kept busy these days receiving the school taxes. He tells us that they are coming in quite satisfactorily. Thirty days soon pass by. Pay now and your mind will be easy.

Mrs. John Marsh and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Lowe and daughter, Mrs. John H. Marsh and three sons and Mr. Robt. Johnson, arrived this evening from Newcastle, Durham, England. Mr. John Marsh of Woodpecker went to Medicine Hat this morning to meet them. Their trip across the ocean was a most pleasant one but the train ride got somewhat tiresome.

Dr. and Mrs. Condell of Winnipeg Man. arrived last week and have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Leech. We understand that Dr. Condell purposes taking up practice at Lethbridge in the immediate future. Dr. Condell is one of the brightest students that has gone through the Manitoba University and is a postgraduate of the hospitals of London, England. He enjoyed a large practice in Manitoba and only recently decided to make his home in Sunny Southern Alberta. The doctor will no doubt receive a most cordial welcome from the people of Lethbridge.

F. R. Davis is building a stable and drive barn on his lots.

Mrs. J. B. Milligan left today for her bar home at Hanley, Sask.

J. C. Hobbs returned last night from a business trip to Winnipeg.

Mr. Parks is building an addition to his residence.

J. R. Shearer of Lethbridge spent Sunday in town.

W. H. McBrien, representing the W. J. Boyd Candy Co. of Winnipeg was in town Friday.

Geo. C. Torlorye representing Bulman Bros., Limited, was a business visitor to town Saturday.

A number of the young ladies of the town met on Monday evening at the home of Miss M. Collett and organized a club known as "The Alberta Rose Club." The object of the club is social amusement and mutual improvement. Part of their meetings will be devoted to drill in fancy work, and part to social games making each meeting pleasant as well as profitable. Miss Collett was chosen as the first president and Miss M. Walton as secretary. Success to "The Alberta Rose Club" is the wish of the Free Press.

J. U. Aldred, stake superintendent and John Gordon, stake-aid to the superintendency, both of Raymond, paid Taber a visit Sunday and re-organized the Sabbath school of the L.D.S. Church. W. F. Russell, who has been the superintendent of the Sunday school, was released because of his moving away. and Wm. O. Lyons was appointed in his stead. Walter Duncan and John E. Eavenson were also released from the positions of first and second superintendents. Frank R. Bates and Albert Torrie were nominated in their places.

Purple Springs

I observe fires have been let loose between here and Taber which seems to have been dangerously near some of the settlers' homes. People cannot be too careful of fire this time of the year when the years' crops are being gathered.

Mr. Reischach has started to develop for coal on this location with good prospects of success.

Mr. Peterson of Port Arthur has been here as section foreman. He seems to be the man in the right place.

"The settlers are rushing in to this part rapidly and soon there will not be a quarter of any description to be had as the present season looks most favorable for Sunny Southern Alberta."

I learn on good authority that Purple Springs is going to have a railroad depot and additional siding accommodation.

Mr. Simons informs me he has secured the sixth west quarter of section 18, township 10, range 14, west 4, adjoining Purple Springs and he intends to build quite a pretentious house there in the immediate future.

We do not look for booms in our hamlet, but just steady and healthy growth. This is what we want.

Mr. Lyons, the store-keeper here, is very poorly. He expects a brother up to visit him from Broadview, Sask.

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AFRAID OF ACETYLENE

C.P.R. WILL DISCONTINUE ITS USE BECAUSE OF DANGER.

Vancouver, Sept. 6.—Because acetylene gas for lighting railway coaches is deemed dangerous, owing to its explosive qualities the C.P.R. will discontinue its use and will discard their plant here.

Pintach gas will be substituted, with the plant here to serve the Pacific division.

THE BLIND OF CAIRO.

To Be Found Everywhere in the Shops and on the Streets.

The first thing that impresses the stranger in Cairo is the number of blind-men, women and children to be found everywhere in the shops and on the streets. Ophthalmia is very prevalent throughout Egypt. Because of superstition concerning "the evil eye," the native mothers of the middle or the lower class do not wash the eyes of their babies at all. Watching the fire burning unheeded around and upon these blind children, a stranger, hastes to buy a fly whisk. "These are for sale every where and are quite attractive with their ornaments of faïence beads and palm leaf fiber. Blind beggars greet one at every corner. Even in the high-class Egyptian families there are many blind. The lower classes of Egyptians are given much to hushness—that is, the lower classes in the large cities and, although it is against the law to sell it, one will have the hushes placed pointed out, and the men who smoke the drug are seen everywhere. They are distinguished by the peculiar appearance of their eyes, which become red, swollen and baggy underneath, and by the peculiar color of the skin, which resembles somewhat the skin of a Chinese opium smoker.—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

A LOST CONTRACT.

The Little Thing That May Sometimes Prevent a Sale.

A pen once lost me an order. I had just worked into the executive of a large concern into a desire to buy. I had my contract form lying on my desk with my finger on the dotted line. He reached over toward his pen rack, took off a pen and plunged it into the ink well. He turned to me with a frown on his face—the well was empty.

I was ready with a fountain pen. The pen was uncapped. I handed it to him. He started to write. The ink would not flow. I took it and shook it. Again he made the attempt, with no result.

"I will get one," he said. So he stepped into the other room. Evidently some one stopped him with a question. For he did not come back for three minutes. Then he stood at his desk. He looked down at the contract.

"I believe I had better think this matter over again," he said. And all the talk I put up could not budge him.

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A FAMOUS KEY.

It Was Thrown Into Loch Leven When Queen Mary Escaped.

The interesting key of Loch Leven castle is still in existence. It was found in the lake and is supposed to have been the one thrown in by the young Douglas when Mary, queen of Scots, made her escape. The key was originally in the possession of William Hamper, Esq., who presented it to Sir William Scott, having first had an engraver make a set.

The castle of Loch Leven is situated on an island of about two acres near the northwest extremity of the lake. Queen Mary when she escaped from Bellwell on Carberry hill and joined the insurgents was carried captive into Edinburgh and on the following day committed to Loch Leven castle. On the 25th of March, 1568, she attempted to escape thence in the disguise of a laundress, but was frustrated.

On Monday, May 2, 1568, however, while the family were at supper the boy, William Douglas, secured the keys of the castle and gave access to the queen and her maid from the strong hold; then, locking the gates behind them to prevent pursuit, he placed the fugitives in a boat that lay near at hand and rowed them to the appointed landing place on the north side of the lake.

THE AGE OF NATIONS.

Turkey, Born in 1453, the Oldest of the Present Generation.

The ages of most countries are recorded as exactly as that of any individual, and many of the nations usually considered old, even ancient, were all born before the first of the younger ones of the new-world. The father of nations, as we know them, is Turkey, with the sultan seated at Constantinople since 1453.

Then comes Denmark, born in 1523, followed by Russia, born Oct. 22, 1721, when Peter the Great became the first emperor. The United States of America, that most restless probably thought very young, was born July 4, 1776, and France, possibly imagined to be much older, counts from July 14, 1789.

Younger than either is the United Kingdom, born Jan. 1, 1801. Chile was born Sept. 18, 1810; Colombia on July 5, 1811; Holland, Dec. 6, 1813, and Sweden starts from Feb. 5, 1818. Brazil dates from Feb. 7, 1822. Mexico was born Oct. 4, 1821, and Bolivia was born Aug. 6, 1824. Belgium is younger, being born July 19, 1831, the same year as Ecuador and Venezuela. It may be a surprise to find Italy so youthful, her birth occurring Feb. 28, 1861—London Answers.

Too Much Culture.

"Ami Penelope Wigzins," as every body called her, was visited one summer by a navy, a Kassar college graduate, and a young man who was one of the most hospitable souls alive, but she was not greatly impressed by the superior learning of any of them. She said: "I am sure you are a very good fellow, but I don't think you are a very good fellow."

"Talk to me about what a college education does for a girl? You do your stepmother Matilda said to me the first day she came? She said: 'I'm glad to meet you, aunt? You accept your mother's name? The Aunt Penelope, don't you? Did you ever hear such nonsense?' I had to tell her my name wasn't Aunt Penelope, but Aunt Penelope, and I thought she would die laughing."

Woes of the Rich Young.

The children of the rich today are not allowed to be imaginative. They have no illusions. They do not have the great and elaborate pleasure of pretence. In winter, less material years the child "played at" something. A doll of wood was a locomotive. A doll was a human being or a fairy. The young man had a horse and more wonderful than Flora Temple or Dexter. Now everything must be done for the pleasure of a girl or a boy. The poor youngsters are not encouraged. They are hardly allowed to invent their own amusements, to turn plain and humble things into something new and glorified by sheer force of imagination.

English Versus French Roads.

In England it is almost impossible to travel with safety. The roads twist and turn and the walls and hedges prevent the driver's seeing what there is beyond a curve. An average pace of twenty-five miles an hour is fairly good in England. Of course the country is settled much more thickly than France, which adds to the danger of speeding. Speed laws are enforced with severity in England, but if you will try the met of your motor cross the channel. In France the road is yours.

Tampering With the Truth.

A schoolmaster trying to explain to his class the meaning of the word "connected," said: "Suppose I would go around saying: 'Look how good I am, to my class,' or 'bragging about how much I know or how good looking I am—what would you say to that?'" "A liar," instantly responded his class.

Not a Mourning Suit.

Brown—I just met White a few minutes ago on his way downtown to recover his son's body. Green—You don't know your own way? White said Brown—Oh, no. But his father said he wanted a new suit of clothes.

Some people are going to be mighty surprised when they find out that there is a difference between real goodness and a receipt for pew rent.—Florida Times-Union.

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MINOT, ALBERTA.

BEWARE OF STRIPES.

Animals That Wear Them Are Said to Be Treacherous.

"Show me a striped wild animal, and I will show you one who is sure to keep your eye on," said the circus man. "I have had to do with wild animals now for a good many years—I won't tell you how many because I am getting so old enough to feel the weight of these long posts—and I have never yet come up with a striped beast that did not show mean traits."

"Sometimes I wonder if this is not the way nature has of marking up the bad fellows so that they may be known, just as we put striped suits on the impossibly bad of the human kind. Take hyenas, for instance. They come under the head of a dog species. How seldom you ever hear of a dog snipping the hand that feeds it! These ugly things are liable to do it any time."

"Zebras are muddie little horses with stripes that give away their temperaments. Every now and then you hear of zebras broken to harness. Well, I have seen a few of these, but they didn't go far before something else was broken besides the zebra's mean nature. They are strong and good looking, but so infernally cunning that there is no doing anything with them."

"Sometimes a lion's mane is marked with uneven black circles. When this is the case, it is wise not to get too familiar. It is the sign of a bad streak somewhere in Leo's makeup, and he is no telling when this strain might turn his strength into savage danger."

"The elephant is good natured and obedient. The camel takes life easily and doesn't seem to worry about anything so long as he is left to mope by himself. A bear with a fur of several shades is a bad one to take on."

"The tiger is a cunning beast and rather affectionate. He can even cry. Big rolling tapers show that his keeper cuts him out of a meal or a baby."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

There are a good many rabbits playing lion parts.

If you let others do your bragging for you, it isn't so apt to be overdone.

When authority is established, it is also apt to be hard on those over whom it extends.

Careful comparison makes any other herbage look insignificant compared with common sense.

You often hear impolite children criticized. Ever realize that there are good many impolite grown people?

Some houses are so grim and chilly they remind one of the systematic arrangement of the tombstones in a well kept graveyard.

If you want to know how people speak of you behind your back, listen to the reckless manner in which they pick into others.

We admire a gallance that doesn't parade it. The hen, for instance, when sitting doesn't look as if it felt that no rooster could ever be such a martyr.

Pocahontas and John Smith.

The pretty story of Smith's rescue from imminent death by Pocahontas when he was in the clutches of her redoubtable father, Powhatan, has been rather blown upon by later historians. It has been pointed out that Smith in his earlier narrative only mentions the princess incidentally as a child, and it was not until she came afterward to England and Smith wrote an account of her for the edification of the court that he described vividly how she saved his life. By that time the romantic Pocahontas had been metamorphosed into Mistress Rebecca Rolfe, wife of a Virginia settler of standing, and her portrait, with plumed hat, ruff and fan, has been duly handed down in this capacity.—London Times.

Wife Appreciated It.

They have just "blown themselves" for a new bed, an old-fashioned, colonial sort of bed, that looks as though it might have been in somebody's family for a hundred years or so, and they think a great deal of it. They have discussed its many merits time and again, but it remained for the young wife to discover one feature of the new bed that had never appeared to the husband.

"There's one thing I like about the bed," said she, "about the sideboard, and the way it's put on."

"What's that?" asked he.

"It's so low I don't believe a man could crawl under it," said she.

The Taps on the Wall.

His mother was superstitious afore "im and always knew when 'er friends died by hearing three loud taps on the wall. The only mistake she ever made was one night when, after losing no less than seven friends, she found out it was the man next door banging pipes at 3 o'clock in the morning. Found it out by 'im hitting 'er thumb nail."

They Didn't Know Paper.

Scholars have wondered why it was that the ancient Roman genius never achieved the art of printing. The secret of the failure lies, says a writer in the fact that the Romans never discovered how to make paper, for recent investigations prove that they had in general use wooden and metal tablets for marking wares, packages, etc.—Pittsburg Post.

SURE HE COULD WIN.

What Happened After a Friend Staked Him For a Hundred.

At a dinner recently given by a Wall Street man who is known for his hospitality, gambling, and the subject of conversation, and many stories were told to show how the turn of the cards or of the wheel had made fortunes for some men and had made beggars of others. The host told of one man who after pawning his watch at Ostend (Belgium) and retrieving a fortune which had been lost and won "another for good measure." Similar stories were told by other members of the dinner company, and the subject of conversation was exhausted when a quiet man who has the reputation for daring on the floor of the exchange said: "Some years ago at the Savoy club house I saw a young man whose father I knew chip away thousands at the red and black game. He had been at it for three days, and I was present when his last chip was raked in. We walked out together, and when we reached Broadway he said, 'I feel it in me that if I could go right back now and begin where I left off I'd win.' His manner impressed me, and I talked to him for a hundred and went back to the club. Now, from that little incident, what do you think he won?" After all had guessed, naming sums away into the hundreds of thousands, he said, "He lost the hundred and owes it to me yet."

TIMBER WOLVES.

The Cunning With Which They Trap and Kill Deer.

Probably of all animals there is none which has more extensive experiences in the art of the "wolf" than the timber wolf. The wolf of fiction is a gaunt, hungry, evil looking animal. The wolf of reality in the north is sleek and fat and about 30 inches long for females up to 40 inches for males. He is cunning and is willing to bide the removal of an owl's super. But if some one has put a rabbit down with poison he generally polishes that morsel off.

They hunt deer by prearranged plan. The pack station themselves down wind. Then one makes a circle and comes wind rights on the deer, which may be lying down or feeding, and of course makes a dash, never realizing that there is a circle of death death enemies before him. When the deer is coming in full jump the wolf first makes a short spring of six or eight feet, but the next is from twenty to thirty feet, and before the deer realizes danger his end is certain.

But if he chances to get off his doom is sealed, and within three or seven minutes he is dead. He is killed by a single bite on the throat. They seem to get nervous and excited and to know that there is no escape and turn to bay, and that ends it.

Selecting Poultry.

In selecting poultry, a well rounded form, with neat, compact legs and sharp, buoyant joints on the breast; are the important marks which should be sought in selecting fowls for the table. The skin should be a clear yellow and free from blotches and pinfeathers. If it looks tight and drawn the bird has probably been scalded before plucking. The flesh should neither be fatty nor stiff, but should give off a healthy, pressed by the finger. If the feet are left on they furnish a test of age. In a young fowl they are soft and smooth, becoming hard and rough as the bird grows older. Turkeys, up to a year old, are said to have black feet, which grow pink up to three years old, and then turn gradually gray and grow dull.

Napoleon's Haughty Horse.

Napoleon, when at St. Helena, once said of his horse: "He has memory, knowledge and judgment. He distinguishes his master from his servants, although these are not constantly about him. I had a horse which distinguished me from the rest of the world and which manifested by his house and haughty gait when I was upon his back that he carried a man superior to those around him. He would not suffer any one to touch him, except myself and the groom that took care of him. When I had lost my way, I threw the bridle upon his neck and let him pick his way, with the inevitable result of finding the right road."

Creative Interpretation.

Interpretation is your construction put on Beethoven. It is Bach filtered through your temperament. It is Mozart plus your personal equation. It is Wagner minus the impersonal symbols, but plus vital pulsations of your heart and mind. Interpretation, declares the Elude, is as creative as composition. Your tricks are tones and rhythms. Being creative, it is not impersonal. Being creative, it is also subjective. The subjective interpreter is a jellyfish; the objective one a rock. Your creative genius is one whose subjective and objective minds work synchronously.

The Limit.

"How does that fashionable physician come to get on as he does?" "Oh, he's such a jolly fellow."

"Is he?"

"He went to the length of telling Cholly he'd killed his wife."

His Cure.

Tramp—Madam, I am suffering from indigestion. Lady—Why, I'm sorry. What can I do to help you? Tramp—Madam, you can cure me instantly by giving me something to digest.

There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many.—Kempson.

A HISTORIC HIGHWAY.

How Colonel Zane Kept His Contract to Mark the Road.

It is said that the beginning of one part of a historic road may be traced to the following incident: In early days, before the public conveyance by stage between the east and west, travel was generally by horseback. Judge Brown, senator for Kentucky, reached Wheeling on the way to the capital and, tired, he was a guest of Colonel Ebenezer Zane, an early settler at Wheeling. Standing before the fire in Zane's comfortable cabin, he remarked, "Zane, if you will have a road-way marked from here to Limestone, I will have congress grant you a section of land at the crossing of the Mankin, Hocking and Scioto rivers." Zane fulfilled the contract, and congress made the grant.

May 15, 1832, congress granted to Ebenezer Zane three tracts of land, one square mile, one on the Muskingum, one on the Hocking and one on the Scioto river, in the state of Ohio, for the purpose of building ferries on the road from Wheeling, W. Va., to Limestone, which road was to be opened by the president of the United States. These grants were confirmed to Zane and patented Feb. 14, 1830. On April 8, 1832, congress made the same allotment to Isaac Zane, his heirs or assigns, located in the Northwest Territory, now the state of Ohio. Zane made good use of his grants. He located the town of Zanesville on the Muskingum, the town of Fairfield on the Hocking and Chillicothe on the Scioto. The story runs that when Judge Brown passed over the "road" he found it well marked by blazed trees.—Exchange.

POCAHONTAS.

Her Visit to England and the Effect It Produced.

Pocahontas was born in the year 1606. Her father, Powhatan, was the lord and ruler of thirty tribes or clans of savages inhabiting that vast domain which was the Chesapeake Bay, after the Virginia, Chesapeake Bay. His friendship was dearly sought for by the white men and considered essential to the life and success of the colony. Like most men, he distrusted the whites and their designs.

In England Pocahontas was treated with all the honor shown to royalty. Her grace and charm were such that she won all hearts, and she was at her ease with the best in the land. She was presented at Queen Anne's court, and a ball was given in her honor. She and her father visited the Globe Theatre to see Shakespeare's "Tempest." In fact, she took on the garb and accessories of a civilized woman, and her friendship was dearly sought for by the white men and considered essential to the life and success of the colony. Like most men, he distrusted the whites and their designs.

Lives of Old Virginia.

Strange indeed are the "lives" of the old Italian villains, says George Lechman. For years or decades they either repose in the annals of their own peculiar incomparable sweetness to multitudes of admiring listeners, adorned by their fortunate possessors, covered by all whose love of their fascinating qualities is far greater than their material means. And then, when it is least expected, some Strad or Guarnerius, known the world over, is tenderly placed in the hands of a new master or mistress and a new chapter in the history of its long life is begun.

Calcutta's "Jungle Villages."

The houses, or huts, rather, that form the majority of Calcutta's dwellings and the majority of Calcutta's dwellings are in a degree, if not in a rather disreputable fashion of the occupants of the Hoochly bank scarce deserves the name of towns except for its immense commercial and political importance and its great population. It is not a town, this city of huts, except in the central African sense. It is a series of jungle villages spread out and plastered on the river bank with a trowel.

Tommy Knew the Number.

Little Tommy was very quiet during the first course, and every one forgot he was there. As the dessert was being served, however, the host told a funny story.

When he had finished and the laughter had died away, his little son exclaimed delightedly:

"Now, papa, tell the other one."

A Puzzle.

P.—I see you have my novel. I'll never see you again, but the last page to see how it all came out.

Q.—No; I looked at the name of the publisher on the title page to see how many names and with how I can't understand how it was.

At Cross-Purposes.

"Ole Pogson is wasing himself to skin and bone trying to keep that boy of his in college."

Badly Mercenary.

"Why are you so eager for fame?" "Because," answered the active man, "I need it in my business. Fame nowadays is merely a synonym for successful advertising."

ALBERTA'S 1,000,000 BUSHELS.

FAVORABLE HARVEST WEATHER—BUMPER CROP ANTICIPATED—RISE PREDICTED.

Edmonton, Alta.—The days have been very favorable for the harvesting of a bumper wheat crop throughout the northwest, and to date Alberta stands first among the provinces with an estimated yield of 7,000,000 bushels. The entire harvest for the northwest is estimated at 75,000,000. This fact, coupled with the knowledge that every wheat growing country in the world will show a decrease for this year is enough to warrant the prediction that May wheat will be taken rapidly at one dollar per bushel.

SOME FAMOUS BENEFITS.

The One For Grinnall, in 1828, Long Remained a Record.

It was as far back as 1828, according to Samuel Pexys, that one Kelly came to him about the "woman's day" at the playhouse, which he was expected to patronize in order to increase the profits.

Perhaps the first organized benefit for a particular favorite, however, was thus given to Mr. Barry in 1867. On such occasions it was customary to charge for admission to the stage, which in consequence often became so thronged that when a player to whom the attention was recorded had to make his appearance before the footlights to take up his part in the plot it had not infrequently to be stopped for several minutes while the attendants forced a passage for the unfortunate actor through the throng of his admirers.

Thus on the occasion of Quin's benefit at Covent Garden, in 1753, the old actor, who was incriminated with the heavy dress of Falstaff, was several minutes before he could pass on to the stage on account of the crowds that were assembled in the wings. Perhaps one of the saddest of the many benefits which have been celebrated at Drury Lane, that given on June 27, 1828, for Grinnall, the greatest clown the stage has known, when the brilliant old man, after wheeling on to the stage in an armchair and helplessly broke down in his fulsome to sing his once famous song, "The Old Maid." The old man's memory had completely forsaken him. On that occasion a sum of £1,700 was realized, which for many years remained a record.—St. James Gazette.

A YANKEE RETORT.

Information For a Seaman on an English Man-of-war.

Just after the year of 1770 an American frigate visited England. Her crew of gallant tars had been principally recruited from the fisheries, and of them, it is to be acknowledged, did not compare favorably in appearance with the sleek and span, jaunty English naval seamen, for the former were of all shapes and sizes, from the tall, round shouldered, long armed Cape Codder down to the short, wiry members of the ship's company who hailed from various parts farther south.

One day the captain of the American ship paid a visit to the deck of a British man-of-war at anchor in the same harbor. The cockswain of the gig was a great, lanky seaman, whose cockswain was counted as to form a veritable lump. While the boat rested at the gangway of the visited vessel the English sailors gathered in the gun ports and "cock stock" in a rather disdainful fashion of the occupants of the gig. At last the seaman of the man-of-war called to the cockswain:

"Elo, there, Yankee! I say, what's that 'bloomin' lump you have on your back called quick as a shot, 'That's Bunker Hill!'"

A Floral Scrap.

"Did you hear of all the trouble in the flower circus?"

"No. What was it?"

"Well, to begin with, the tiger lilies boasted of the superiority of their tricks over the dandy-lilies, and these cat-tales were brought to the elephant-ears, and it was very natural that the dogwood told them where the cow-pinks would repeat them. That foxglove was on hand, although the cockcomb gossip was ahead. Then everybody was inclined to flatter to admire the parrot's feather till they heard the precious like a trower, and all hands got a fair share from the poppy flower."

Life as Childish Pleasure.

The wealthy woman with diamonds up to her knuckles was telling of a man she knew who was going abroad on a cattle steamer. "He is a stingy fellow," she said. "He is very delicate, but he is so poor. Why should a man who has no health endeavor to preserve the little he has? With no money to make life agreeable and no little life left in the body, why should he keep on wanting to live?" One of her listening friends who is not particularly incumbered with this world's goods spoke up. "I suppose he takes a sort of childish pleasure in it. Most of us do."

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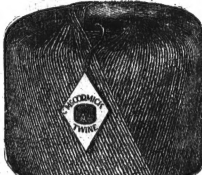
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